

AMENDMENTS TO TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Applicants respectfully request the title of the invention be amended. Please replace the title with the following amended title.

CHARGE NUMBER ISSUING **AND TRANSACTION** SYSTEM AND METHOD

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Applicants respectfully request the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 be amended as follows:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application entitled “An Outline Cash System Using Charge Numbers”. Serial Number 09/493,886, filed January 28, 2000, which itself is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application entitled “Prepaid Card Based Internet and Merchandiser Sales and Advertising System”, Serial Number 09/384,581, filed August 27, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and made part of the present application. The present application is also related to U.S. Patent Application entitled “A Transaction System and Method Using Cash Cards and a Charge Settlement Network”, Serial Number **09/661,724**, filed concurrently herewith, **now abandoned**.